

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for September 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Grand Knight Rick Cervantes. Opening prayer was led by Deacon Russ. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 26 Brother Knights in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers - (P-present, E-excused, A-absent, N-not present, X-not applicable)

P - Grand Knight	Rick Cervantes
P - Deputy G.K.	Jeremy Goffrier
P - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
P - Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
P - Chancellor	James Britton
P - Recorder	Andy Olson
P - Fin. Sectry	Dick Hunt
P - Treasurer	Dean Lackey

P - Dist. Deputy	David Yordy
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
X - Lector	Vacant
P - Warden	Dave Sullivan
P - Inside Guard	John Perez I
P - Outside Guard	Kevin Barton
P - 1yr Trustee	Charles Gibbs
P - 2yr Trustee	David Yordy
P - 3yr Trustee	Jim Wieland
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Paul Kehoe

1) **Chaplain's Report:**

- See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract.

2) **Grand Knight Message:**

- Welcome to all our Brother Knights who are joining us after being away for awhile.

3) **Recorder:** Minutes: <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/>

- Lance made a motion to accept the minutes, Jim Wieland 2nd. Motion approved.

4) **Membership:** Want to have drives this month at the churches and contact the Pastors.

5) **Financial Secretary:** Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. David Yordy made a motion to accept the report. Kevin Houser 2nd.

6) **Service Programs' Reports:**

Faith:

- Memorial Mass for the Unborn – Saturday, September 18th, 9:00 AM Calvary Mausoleum. 4th Degree Honor Guard will be there and hope all Brother Knights, families, & friends will join. Will process over to the memorial of the unborn.
- BLUE MASS – Sunday, September 26th, 9:00 AM Sacred Heart, Rock Island. Chris Mandel will help coordinate us. Suggest an escort of the gifts to the Sanctuary. All Knights should attend.

Adoration: Thank you to all who participate. Contact Kevin if you would like to participate.

Community:

- Blood Drive – Monday, October 11th, 2 – 6 PM, Farrell Hall. 91 schedule and have more to contact. Please give Louie your name.
- Midwest Food Bank – Wednesday, September 22nd, 9 AM – QC Expo Center
- Civic Awards Kevin talked with the Chiefs and Firefighters have chosen their honoree. Police need a couple more weeks. Will get their feelings about a get together, but need to move forward in a hurry. Please attend to help honor our service people for this year and next. 5 pm social & 6 pm dinner Oct. 24 at Rock Island Holiday Inn. Cost around \$20-25, need to talk with Holiday Inn.

Life:

- Jack sent out an email with nice and very interesting articles reads.
- Silver Rose procession will be this Sunday at 8 am at St. Pius. Process in, present and pray a rosary after Mass around 9 am.

7) **4th Degree Report:**

- Next meeting is at the Cellar in Geneseo Oct. 7. RSVP by Mid-September.
- Live 4th Degree Exemplification in Southern Illinois, but we can still do a virtual. David will find out when the next local one is.
- See also community Masses.

8) **District Deputy Report:**

- Citizenship Essay Contest will get passed over to Andy Olson.

- Work with an excited Jeff Schaecher to get a Degree team to do live exemplifications. Keep getting more members; one or two for each member.
- Planning meeting for Grand Knights and Financial Secretary.

9) **Old Business:**

- Tootsie Roll Drive – Friday – Sunday, September 24th – 26th. Greg Schneider Thank you to all who have signed up and still have holes to fill. One agency had to drop out because they could not find people to fill the slots both at businesses and Churches. The Council has contributed the cost of the Tootsie Rolls in the past, around \$650, and would like to entertain that thought at the next council meeting.
- Golf outing – Saturday, September 18th 1 PM - Rick /Dean. Did not get enough teams to make it go. Will get a refund because cancelling in enough time. Perhaps try again in the spring and be looking forward to that and push it.
- Parish Family Festival – Rick/Msgr 300+ people, great participation and volunteers. Most energized festival. ½ of money paid bills and other ½ will go into a future fund for the next time.
- St. Patrick's Parade and Labor Day Parade. Honor Guard really helps make us visible and thank you to Dick Hunt for leading the way to get us organized and at these events.

10) **New Business:**

- WATCH Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 12th Noon to 4, Sunset Marina. Another way of promoting community in the Parish. Propose that we have food catered by Hy-Vee. Split the cost of \$200 each from Knights & WATCH and \$300 from parish. Louie Alongi made a motion. Lance 2nd. Motion carried.
- Great River Challenge We have supported at this event ever since it started. Come watch and enjoy watching the kids have a great day on a professional baseball field.
- Italian Dinner is October 16. Would have to wear masks and take them off to eat. Possible big gamble but looking at the possibility of tickets or a drive through. Contact Louie with ideas. Would like to serve 500 meals. We were amazed at the Drive By Fish Fry. People may really want to get out and mingle safely.
- Holy Hour – Thursday, October 14th, 5:00 PM (prior to our Council Meeting). Karen is willing to make the meal and willing to do whatever we would like. We would like her to provide the meal.
- Columbus Day Dinner will not happen in October, but will have in November in McCarthy Hall. Will talk about it more.
- Fred Luckenbill had 50 pins for the Century Donors for Newman
- Working on the getting the tickets for the Vocation Raffle.

11) **Good of the Order:**

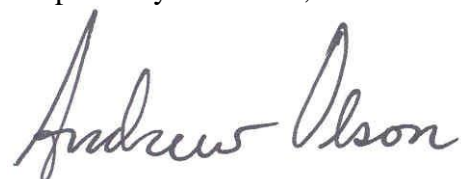
- Jim & Bev Casey thank the Council for the email recognition for 50th Anniversary.
- If you are vaccinated, you have the option not to wear the mask. If not, please wear it.
- What is the official policy at Mass. Governor mandated and the Bishop has followed lead. Signs have been posted, but up to your conscience.
- Jim Casey won the 50/50.

12) **Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** See monthly Abstract. Please contact Andy to add and/or remove.

13) **Closing Prayer** Memorare was led by Msgr. Merdian

14) **Meeting adjourned** for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder